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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 25, 2000. A Petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including Friday, August 25, 2000 is hereby requested. The appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. Charge any other necessary fees to Deposit Account Number 20-0531.

Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please insert in the first page of the specification, after the words, "NOVEL PROTEIN AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE PROTEIN", the words,

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